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DR. K. B. MENON : I wonder what evidence the Member concerned has to say that it is due to the combined efforts of the Congress and the P.S.P. that the Communist member was not taken in as a member of this advisory council?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is for the hon. Member to answer.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it not a fact, Sir, that there were no Congress or P.S.P. candidates there?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Perhaps it is so, Sir. I have no information. The hon. Member's information must be correct.

Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar

* 3427 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar that have applied for liquidation;

(*b*) how many for conversion;

(*c*) what is the normal over-head charges the liquidated and unconverted societies have to bear annually; and

(*d*) what is the delay in liquidation or conversion?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN : Are there any Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar now which have not suggested a new line of set up that is to be adopted?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : In regard to the society at Cannanore, I have already given the required information in my reply to the Budget debate.

DR. K. B. MENON : Is the Minister aware of the fact that there are a number of societies which have applied for liquidation for a very long time and have not been liquidated. Their applications have been kept pending for five or six years and the shareholders are also inconvenienced. I know a few cases like that. So, will the Minister please see that these old applications from societies for liquidation are attended to promptly?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Out of 24 societies, two have applied for liquidation. The registration of 22 societies has already been cancelled. The proposal in respect of the other two societies is under scrutiny.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : What are the details of 7½ per cent towards liquidation charges referred to in the answer to clause (*c*) of the question?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 68 infra.

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